

*Eye on Nine: Keeping You Informed*  
**From the Office of District 9 Councilman, Carroll W. Schubert**

Happy 2005!

The City Council has already been hard at work this year. Here is an update on some of the issues we are discussing.

**HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS**

The Hunger and Homelessness Ten-Year Plan was presented to City Council on January 13th. The plan is the result of a 16-month process to by the Mayor's Task Force on Hunger and Homelessness. Although the plan has many long-term strategies to address our City's problem, there were no cost estimates included in the document. Also, the 60-page document was given to Council members less than a week before we were to vote with no opportunity for public input. I therefore, asked for the plan to be posted on the web for the public's viewing. I also did not feel comfortable voting for a plan that had no price tag.

The plan is now posted on our website.

<http://www.sanantonio.gov/comminit/hmis.asp?res=1024&ver=true>

If you have concerns, please contact my office [dist9fldofc@sanantonio.gov](mailto:dist9fldofc@sanantonio.gov) or Victor Ayala, Special Projects Officer, Community Action Division: [vayala@sanantonio.gov](mailto:vayala@sanantonio.gov).

The Council will discuss funding options for the plans within the next two weeks. I will keep you updated on this issue.

**THIS WEEK...**

**PROPOSITION 13-TAX FREEZE**

Proposition 13 is the state constitutional amendment that allows cities to freeze the property taxes of senior citizens and the disabled. I have continually said this issue should be decided by the voters, and have been an advocate for it being placed on the ballot.

This week (January 20), Council will vote on whether to place Prop 13 on the May 7th ballot. I have continued to urge my colleagues to support this freeze in order to give some small tax relief to the senior citizens and disabled in our community.